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**Lee Wetherington Homes develops new design philosophy  
in response to 2010 market conditions: creates three high-quality  
models ranging from 1,988 to 2,614 S.F. at prices from \$247,300**

SARASOTA, FL—In one of the most volatile housing markets in American history, home builders find themselves challenged to create high-quality residences at affordable prices. Lee Wetherington, founder and president of Lee Wetherington Homes, has responded to the question with a new design philosophy: flexibility.

Gone are the days when home builders presented 18 or 20 different floor plans each year. Wetherington has three models on the drawing board for 2010. “These are our new plans for the new season,” he said. “We designed them with input from our customers, our sales staff and our other team members.” Construction on the first, the Mira Vista II, is scheduled for a mid-May completion in Valderrama, Country Club East, in Lakewood Ranch. The custom home builder also offers these new models in other communities in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

“We were very careful when we created these models,” Wetherington said. “They are essentially three templates for three basic homes, beginning at 1,988 square feet. That’s just the right size for some of our homebuyers. For those who need more space, we can easily extend the plans without having to go back to the drawing board.”

While it streamlines the design and building processes, the main benefit of Wetherington’s flexible designs is cost-effectiveness, which the residential builder couples with high-quality construction, green building practices and energy awareness. “By standardizing certain design elements, we have been able to include a number of features that many home builders offer as upgrades, and to include them in our basic pricing structure,” Wetherington says.

Standard features in the three new home models include Granite kitchen countertops, custom kitchen cabinetry with raised panel wood doors, under-cabinet lights in the kitchen, a GE appliance package, spacious walk-in closets, GE series structured wiring media system, 8-foot high interior doors, 7 ¼-inch painted crown molding in common areas and 5 ¼” decorative wood base throughout. All three models include the latest in energy-saving construction features. They also offer optional pools, which LeeSure Water Pools can custom-design and build.

The new Mira Vista II is a refinement of the original Mira Vista, one of Wetherington’s best-selling plans. Among its numerous honors are five design awards, including selection as “Best Overall” at the 2008 Sarasota and Manatee Parade of Homes.

Within its 1,988 square feet, the basic Mira Vista II provides a master suite and private guest suite, a spacious gathering room with dining area, a den and a kitchen with a countertop bar and eat-in area. This home has a two-car garage. The model under construction also includes a sitting room off the master suite and a third bedroom, increasing its size to 2,334 square feet, plus an expanded three-car garage. Pricing begins at \$247,300.

The Sanibel is a completely new design with a greatroom plan. It provides two bedrooms, two baths and a den within its 1,989 square feet. An optional third bedroom suite off the den brings the size of this home up to 2,313 square feet. This design includes a two-car garage. The price for the Sanibel begins at \$250,200.

The third new model, the Summerpointe II, incorporates the best features of the original Summerpointe plus several other popular models, according to Wetherington. The basic design at 2,477 square feet includes three bedrooms, three baths, a large gathering room, a den and separate living and dining rooms. In keeping with its larger size, it provides a three-car garage. The expansion for the Summerpointe II adds a fourth bedroom suite, bringing the home up to 2,614 square feet under air. An outdoor living area is another option. Pricing begins at \$312,300.

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**PHOTOS:**

LWH Mira Vista I, Dining room and gathering room overlooking outdoor living area; Parade of Homes "Best Overall" winner

LWH Mira Vista I, Gathering room, looking towards dining room; Parade of Homes "Best Overall" winner

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